

WFP Yemen Situation Report #12

December 2019

In Numbers

24.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.65 million people internally displaced

20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

Highlights

- WFP provided general food assistance to 12.7 million Yemeni people in December.
- Milling operations for WFP wheat at the Red Sea Mills commenced on 12 December.
- WFP requires USD 665 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (February 2020 – July 2020).

12.7 million people assisted
December 2019



Gender and Age Marker

Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall:
USD 4.2 billion

WFP share:
USD 2.3 billion

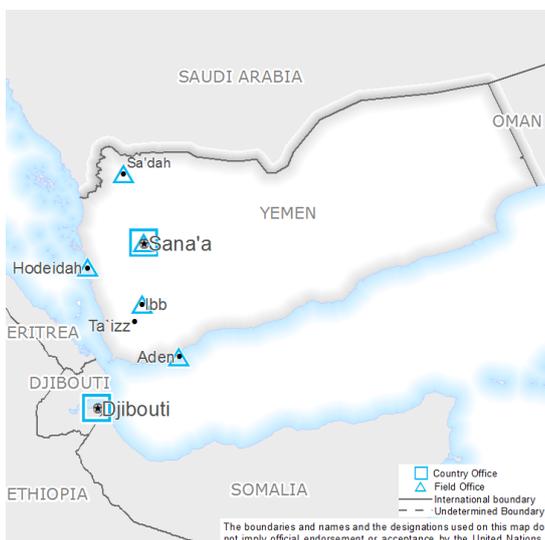
WFP Net Funding Requirements
(February 2020 – July 2020)

Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

USD 665 million

Situation Update (including security)

- Following the trial run of the milling and transportation of 700 mt of wheat flour from the Red Sea Mills (RSM) in Hudaydah to Ibb governorate in October, milling operations for the remaining 50,000 mt of wheat commenced on 12 December with an estimated 2.5 months' timeline. On 26 December, the RSM were damaged following artillery shelling, impacting one production line and some silos, bringing the operations to a halt. The technical team conducted urgent repairs and milling resumed on 30 December. As of 31 December, 3,729 mt of wheat flour was produced. Of which, 3,479 mt were dispatched to WFP warehouses in Ibb and Sana'a governorates.
- On 16 December, WFP Yemen issued a [press release](#) highlighting the significant scale up of assistance in 2019. WFP has centralised all beneficiary lists and boosted monitoring efforts nationwide. Meanwhile, the use of biometric registration continues to be expanded. While 12 million people receive food assistance each month, nutrition support, livelihoods initiatives and school feeding has also increased.
- On 05 December, UNDSS instructed the postponement of all UN missions via/to Mukalla in the South as clashes between the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) and the Southern Transitional Council (STC) erupted in Zinjibar, in Abyan governorate.
- On 21 and 22 December, the offices of five humanitarian organizations were attacked with rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) by unknown assailants in Al Dhalea city. No casualties were reported except for one security guard sustaining injuries. A third attack occurred on 24 December. As a result, twelve international organizations confirmed total or partial suspension of programmes and movements due to safety concerns. It is estimated that 217,000 beneficiaries across all humanitarian sectors will be affected by this suspension.



WFP Response

- During the December cycle, WFP delivered food assistance to a total of 12.7 million people in 22 governorates. Of these, 9.5 million people received in-kind food assistance, 2.6 million people received commodity vouchers and 565,474 people received cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Hudaydah governorate in 2018, the UN established a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in June 2018 to assist newly-displaced persons and ensure their most immediate needs are met. Displaced families are provided with WFP Immediate Response Rations (IRR) sufficient for five days. In December, WFP distributed 8,552 IRR kits through UNFPA and its cooperating partners.
- Preparations for registration in the northern governorates are ongoing to register 1.3 million households. In the southern governorates, a total of 920,610 people has been registered so far.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In December, WFP assisted 157,388 beneficiaries through 22,484 participants, a 20 percent increase compared to the November cycle. The activities have expanded geographically to include three new districts in Taiz. Participants worked on 480 assets, including rural road rehabilitation and water harvesting schemes. 700 participants were targeted in literacy and numeracy skills, as well as sewing activities.



School Feeding Programme

- Under the December cycle, WFP dispatched a total quantity of 2,562 mt of school snacks (date bars in the northern governorates and high-energy biscuits in the southern governorates) for 685,000 students.



Nutrition Assistance

- During December, WFP reached 158,675 children aged 6 to 59 months and 148,135 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) with its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). For MAM prevention, WFP reached 219,350 children aged 6 to 23 months and 311,702 PLW with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the December distribution plan, WFP dispatched 123,148 mt of commodities under the general food assistance programme, representing 99 percent of the total planned dispatch target.
- Shipping operations transported 148,138 mt of mixed commodities into the country during December.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- FSAC, WFP and FAO held a series of meetings with the Sana'a-based authorities to facilitate approval of the FSLA enumerator training and data collection. These efforts have culminated in moving forward with plans to start the enumerator training on 12 January 2020 followed immediately after with the fieldwork/data collection.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the inland transport of 130 mt of relief items on behalf of two partners to six different locations.
- 5,136 litres of fuel (petrol and diesel) were distributed from WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Bajil, to nine partners.
- As of the end of December, WFP-chartered vessel VOS Theia, continued to be on standby in Aden. Also, the Logistics Cluster held 800 mt of cargo in storage.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the ICSP, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 665 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months.
- WFP is expecting a series of pipeline breaks for a number of programmes in 2020. Under the general food assistance, shortfalls are starting as early as March. In April, shortfalls are expected for nutrition interventions, cash assistance under the food for assists activity and the UN Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS). School feeding programme is covered for the current school year. Shortfalls for the Logistics Cluster are expected in July and for the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC) in March.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Feb 2020 – Jul 2020)	People Assisted (Jul 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	4.82 b	2.1 b	665 m	12,705,163	6,240,776	6,464,387
General Food Assistance				12,705,163	6,240,776	6,464,387
School Meals				550,000	268,868	281,132
Food for Assets (FFA)				157,388	77,309	80,079
Nutrition (Prevention)**				531,052	419,184	111,869
Nutrition (Treatment)**				306,810	225,886	80,924

* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.

**Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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